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#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

#### **SEC. 119. REDUCING FOREIGN AID TO OFFSET INCREASED ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) and section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763), the United States Government may not provide any financial assistance during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2028, to any of the following countries:

- (1) Afghanistan.
- (2) Bangladesh.
- (3) Iraq.
- (4) Libya.
- (5) Pakistan.
- (6) Saudi Arabia.
- (7) Somalia.
- (8) Syria.
- (9) Turkey.
- (10) Yemen.

(b) **GLOBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development may not provide any economic development assistance in any country during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2028.

**SA 102.** Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title IV.

**SA 103.** Mr. PETERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 402, insert the following:

(i) **EXCEPTIONS TO AUTHORITY TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE MEASURES RESTRICTING CONTRACTING.**—The authority under subsection (a) for a State or local government to adopt and enforce measures to restrict contracting with certain entities does not apply to the following:

- (1) A contract with an entity that has 10 or fewer employees.
- (2) A contract with a value not exceeding \$100,000.
- (3) A contract with a sole proprietorship.

**SA 104.** Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 13, line 12, strike the period and insert “, including initiatives aimed at—

- (1) commercialization and economic development of low-Earth orbit, including for the production of manufactured goods;
- (2) construction of permanent human habitation off planet Earth
- (3) extension of the reach of humanity into CIS-lunar space, including exploration of the Moon, Mars, and beyond;
- (4) participation of Israel, as appropriate, in crewed missions involving the International Space Station (ISS) and in other space exploration missions under the leadership of the United States; and
- (5) development of partnerships between nongovernmental organizations and companies, the Administration, and the Israel Space Agency for human space exploration.

**SA 105.** Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning in section 121, strike subsection (b) and all that follows through section 122 and insert the following:

(b) **CONTINUING COOPERATION.**—The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall continue to work with the Israel Space Agency to identify and cooperatively pursue peaceful space exploration and science initiatives in areas of mutual interest, taking all appropriate measures to protect sensitive information, intellectual property, trade secrets, and economic interests of the United States, including through joint projects in Israel and Israeli-controlled territories to be funded through the United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation, the United States-Israel Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation, and the Israel-United States Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation.

#### **SEC. 122. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.**

(a) **STATEMENT OF POLICY.**—It should be the policy of the United States to partner with Israel in order to advance common goals

across a wide variety of sectors, including energy, agriculture and food security, democracy, human rights and governance, economic growth and trade, education, environment, global health, and water and sanitation, including through joint projects in Israel and Israeli-controlled territories to be funded through the United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation, the United States-Israel Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation, and the Israel-United States Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation.

(b) **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**—The Secretary of State, acting through the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development in accordance with established procedures, is authorized to enter into memoranda of understanding with Israel in order to enhance coordination on advancing common goals on energy, agriculture and food security, democracy, human rights and governance, economic growth and trade, education, environment, global health, and water and sanitation, including through joint projects in Israel and Israeli-controlled territories to be funded through the United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation, the United States-Israel Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation, and the Israel-United States Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation, with a focus on strengthening mutual ties and cooperation with nations throughout the world.

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At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . BRIEFING ON STRATEGY TO MITIGATE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF UNITED STATES WITHDRAWAL FROM SYRIA ON THE SAFETY OF UNITED STATES ALLIES IN SYRIA.**

(a) **BRIEFING REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall brief the appropriate committees of Congress on the strategy developed by the President to mitigate potential adverse consequences of a United States withdrawal from Syria on the safety of religious and ethnic groups in Syria that are allied with the United States, including any humanitarian assistance to be provided in connection with the strategy.

(b) **CONSIDERATIONS IN PREPARATION OF STRATEGY.**—In preparing the strategy described in subsection (a), the President may consider credible data obtained by other countries and nongovernmental organizations, including organizations operating in Syria, on the matters covered by the strategy.

(c) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

#### **PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following

interns from the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted privileges of the floor through March 15, 2019: Grant Cummings and Alexandra Ongman.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—  
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Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, thank you.

In a few minutes, the U.S. Senate is going to have an opportunity to condemn infanticide. One hundred U.S. Senators are going to have an opportunity to unanimously say the most basic thing imaginable, and that is that it is wrong to kill a little newborn baby. Every Senator will have the opportunity to stand for human dignity, to stand for the belief that in this country all of us are created equal, because if that equality means anything, surely it means that infanticide is wrong.

Frankly, this shouldn't be hard. Politicians come to this floor every single day and talk about how they care for the poorest or the weakest or the most marginalized members of our society. In recent weeks, I have heard it stated this way in powerful, eloquent, and, from some ambitious Senators, very clear terms about human dignity.

One of my distinguished colleagues recently on the campaign trail declared rightly "that the people in our society who are the most often targeted by predators are also most often the voiceless and the vulnerable." Amen to that.

Another Democratic Senator seeking the Presidency said they seek to "build a country where no one is forgotten, no one is left behind." Amen to that.

Giving words of hope and encouragement, a third Senator reminded us that "no matter where you live in America . . . you deserve a path to opportunity." Amen to that.

A fourth continued that this individual was committed "to fight for other people's kids as hard as I would fight for my own." Yet again, Amen.

But, sadly, in the last week, these beautiful and inspiring words have been choked out by the ugliness and the cruelty from another public official. In Virginia, disgraced Governor Ralph Northam tarnished the American idea of equality under law. He betrayed the universal truth of human dignity, and he turned the stomachs of civilized people, not just in this country but in every country on Earth.

Governor Northam endorsed infanticide. He said:

The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother.

This was the quote—that the infant would be kept comfortable and resusci-

tated if that is what the mom and doctors wanted to do, and then they could have a debate about what to do next. He was literally talking about allowing space and time for a discussion about infanticide—no euphemisms or weasel words there. Infants can be kept comfortable and resuscitated, and baby girls could be left cold and alone to die.

Just a few years ago, the abortion lobby was really clear in its talk about hoping that abortion would be safe and legal, but rare. This was the slogan. Abortion would be "safe, legal, and rare." Now we are talking about keeping a baby comfortable while the doctors have a debate about infanticide. That is what we are talking about here on the floor tonight. We are not talking about second-trimester abortion. We are not having some big, complicated discussion about a mother's reproductive freedom. As important as all of those debates are, we are actually talking about babies that have been born.

The only debate on the floor tonight is about infanticide. The abortion industry's PR army couldn't defend this. Many in the national media decided to overlook it, but none of us in this body can escape it. What we are talking about on the Senate floor tonight is infanticide.

Instead of saying he misspoke and instead of offering an apology, the Governor of Virginia decided to double down on the ugliness and cruelty. This is not about a clump of cells. This is about fourth-trimester abortion. That is actually what we are talking about here tonight.

Governor Northam is a disgraced coward, and he has such an abysmally low belief of human dignity that he couldn't say this basic truth: It is wrong to let babies who have been born die. He couldn't say it.

This isn't about Republicans and Democrats. We are way beyond that. Everyone in the Senate ought to be able to say unequivocally that the little baby deserves life, that she has rights, and that killing her is wrong. Tonight every Member of this body has that chance.

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act prohibits exactly the kind of infanticide Governor Northam was endorsing. That is it. It is based on the simple idea that every baby deserves a fighting chance. It is a simple idea that every human being is an image bearer. Even the weakest and most marginalized among us is no less human, and every one of us has a moral obligation to defend the defenseless.

It is my understanding that some of my Democratic colleagues are prepared to object tonight. I humbly say that I don't understand why, and I beg you from the bottom of my heart not to do so.

Please don't betray the ideals that have been so eloquently expressed. Please don't reduce truths to an empty campaign slogan, and please don't take the principle of dignity and equality this cheaply.

There are two sides of the debate on the floor tonight. You are either for babies or you are defending infanticide. That is actually what the legislation is before us.

Please don't block this legislation. Please don't let Governor Northam define you. Don't let an extremist pro-abortion lobby and pledge hold you hostage. Please don't protect infanticide.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 130 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN). Is there objection?

The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, we have laws against infanticide in this country. This is a gross misinterpretation of the actual language of the bill that is being asked to be considered, and, therefore, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. SASSE. With all due respect, Mr. President—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. SASSE. To the Senator from Washington, the bill we are talking about before this body tonight is because New York and Virginia—New York already and Virginia in debate—are having a conversation about removing exactly these protections. This debate is about infanticide and infanticide only, and this is a sad day for this body.

It shouldn't be controversial to say that a newborn child deserves to be treated with dignity and humanity. It shouldn't be difficult to say that babies who survive an abortion shouldn't be left to die cold and alone on that table.

I am sad, but I am not discouraged. I am actually encouraged by the strong group of Senators who cosponsored this legislation and who have come to the floor to support it tonight, and I am encouraged by the millions and millions and millions of pro-life Americans who continue to speak the truth in love. There is legislative work we need to do, but, far more importantly, in the movement for love and life and science and little babies, what we need to have happen is a lot more persuasion and a lot more conversation with our neighbors. A number of my colleagues on the floor tonight are prepared to do just that, and I look forward to listening to their eloquent and love-based, science-based speech.

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I rise today very, very disheartened, and I do want to thank the junior Senator from Nebraska for having this very difficult discussion on the floor of the Senate.